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SUBJECT: U.S.-GOR EXCHANGES AGREEMENT-HOUSING

MOSCOW FOR RICHMOND

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS AND CONCURS WITH DEPARTMENT VIEW THAT "WILL PROVIDE" REQUIREMENT CAUSES DIFFICULTY. WE HAD HOPED THAT PARA 3 OF OUR SUGGESTED LANGUAGE WHICH REFERRED TO THE STIPENDS IN ITEM SIX WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. COMMITMENT WAS FOR STIPEND ONLY.

2. IN VIEW GUIDANCE IN REFTTEL, WE HAVE SCHEDULED MEETING WITH ROSIANU OF MFA DECEMBER 20 AND WILL PRESENT FOR MFA CONSIDERATION AND RESPONSE REVISED VERSION OF IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS. OUR MODIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) SECOND SENTENCE IN ITEM 6 (SIX) OF SECTION I WILL READ:

"AMERICAN RESEARCHERS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ROMANIA WILL RECEIVE A SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING STIPEND, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH WILL BE

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DETERMINED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

B) PARAGRAPHS ONE AND TWO OF EMBASSY SUGGESTED NEW LANGUAGE SUBMITTED BUCHAREST 5777 WILL BECOME NEW ITEM D (CAUSING SUBSEQUENT LETTERING CHANGE.) FIRST SENTENCE, PARA 1, WILL BE MODIFIED TO READ: "THE ROMANIAN SIDE AGREES TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO HOUSING ADEQUATE...." FIRST SENTENCE, PARA 2 WILL BEGIN: "ADEQUATE HOUSING SHALL BE DEFINED AS...".

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE FALLBACK LANGUAGE IF ROMANIANS INSIST ON RECIPROCITY IN LANGUAGE OF NEW ITEM D. SPECIFICALLY, COULD U.S. AGREE "TO PROVIDE ACCESS" OR "TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO" TYPES OF HOUSING MENTIONED? ESSENTIALLY , THIS OPTION WOULD REPRESENT LANGUAGE SUGGESTED IN BUCHAREST 5777 WITH VARIATIONS NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF U.S. OPEN MARKET HOUSING SITUATION.

4. EMBASSY ALSO INTENDS TO DISCUSS ADDING TO THE LANGUAGE OF PRESENT ITEM E (NEW ITEM F) WHICH, AT PRESENT, REFERS TO ACCOMPANYING FAMILIES (NOW SUBSUMED UNDER NEW ITEM D) REPLACEMENT LANGUAGE EXEMPTING ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS FROM ROMANIAN \$10 PER DAY EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT FOR FOREIGN VISITORS. WE HAVE HAD INDICATIONS IN PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THAT THIS MAY BE TROUBLESOME SINCE, ACCORDING TO THE LAW, ACADEMIC PARTICIPANTS ARE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPT, BUT ACCOMPANYING FAMILY ARE NOT MENTIONED. OUR NEW SENTENCE WOULD REPLACE THE PREVIOUS SECOND SENTENCE IN THIS PARAGRAPH AND WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS (SPOUSES, CHILDREN, OR LEGAL DEPENDENTS) OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN ROMANIA WILL BE INCLUDED, DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR OFFICIAL STAY IN ROMANIA, UNDER PROVISIONS WHICH EXEMPT CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF FOREIGN VISITORS FROM EXCHANGING \$10 PER DAY."

5. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS OF OUR APPROACH TO THE MFA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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